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LEVEL MEASURING DEVICE, AND A METHOD FOR OPERATING A

MEASURING DEVICE OF THIS TYPE

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

## In the Specification

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following section:

## --CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/274,712, filed March 12, 2001, and from German Application No. 100 59 815.3, filed January 12, 2000, which applications are incorporated herein by reference.--

#### Remarks

This application was filed in German on November 29, 2001, with an English-language declaration with priority claim. An English-language translation of the application was filed on March 28, 2002.

Applicants request examination of the English-language version of the application.

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ELECTRONIC MEASURING DEVICE FOR DETECTING A PROCESS VARIABLE, IN PARTICULAR A RADAR OR ULTRASONIC FILLING LEVEL MEASURING DEVICE, AND A METHOD FOR OPERATING A MEASURING DEVICE OF THIS TYPE

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if there are any questions concerning this submission.

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